

Week 7

28/08/2023 by Karen Poole

Kia ora e te whānau

Wow! Here we are heading into Week 7 of the term with lots of exciting things coming up (see important dates below).

Thank you if you have completed the survey but we have had very limited responses so far..... Please share your ideas

The Tawhai School Board are consulting with the community to prioritise some key areas for improvement for our 2024 and 2025 strategic plan.

The questions are intended to give us a clearer picture of what you as parents would like us to focus on at school.

Our wonderful tamariki have given us their voice now we would like to hear yours!

Please take the time to complete this short survey.

We really do appreciate working together to get the best outcomes for our learners.

You can click on the link below, or pop into the office for a paper copy.

[Whanau Voice](#)

If you would like to add your name, please do, otherwise this can be

completed anonymously.

We have several whānau who live in Upper Hutt who may be interested in being part of this group.

Please see the information below

UHub – a new Community Hub for Upper Hutt

A special invite to Upper Hutt whānau.

We are looking for whānau (parents/ grandparents etc) who would like to be part of a group who gives feedback and ideas on a pilot that is being created to set up a Community Hub in Upper Hutt.



Background:

For the last 6 years a range of Upper Hutt community groups/ agencies, school and early childhood leaders have been dreaming about creating a central Community Hub for young people and their whānau based in Upper Hutt.

We have called it UHub (the U stands for Upper Hutt and for you).

Initial Community Groups currently in UHub: Orongomai Marae, UHCC, Whānau Manaaki, Schools, Ministry of Education, Te Whatu Ora (Health), RTLB (Resource Teachers of Learning & Behaviour), Your Way Kia Roha, Women's Refuge – and there are a wide range of other groups who want to be part of UHub moving forward :)

We have been listening to what the community have been telling us and their current reality: We hear it is not easy to raise young people and grow up in today's complex world of changes and challenges. There is often lots of confusing information and many of you are not really sure about where to go for support, resources or advice in Upper Hutt. Or you have to go to lots of different places and this takes lots of time and is expensive getting places.

Our UHub dream is simple:

We believe that if the community 'invests early' (provides support, resources and advice) to our young people and their whānau, this will help create a foundation for a positive life for them.

The 'hard stuff' that whānau have talked to us about over the last six years has been about:

- Not being sure where to go for help (support, resources and advice)

- Having to go to lots of different places for help (rather than just one)
- Having to go to Lower Hutt or Wellington etc for help (extra time and costs)
- Whānau and young people are on long waiting lists for support, resources and advice

The start of UHub:

We would like to start a UHub for our community based in Upper Hutt. We have lots of ideas and an initial pilot plan about what to do, but we would like to have a group of whānau to help guide us. The initial focus will be on support around anxiety, early speech, language and communication development. If you have had experiences with your grandchildren/ children, family in these areas we would love your input. If you haven't had experiences in these areas but still want to be involved, we will like to hear from you too! We want to share our plan with you, listen to your feedback, advice, ideas and thoughts about an Upper Hutt Community Hub.

We are looking for a group of 10–15 people who can commit to two meetings over the next four months. The meetings would be 90 minutes long and at a central Upper Hutt location (to be confirmed). You are welcome to bring child/ren.

You will be meeting with Jo Grant – the UHub Project Manager (formally Principal of Upper Hutt School) and several Learning Support Coordinators who are part of the UHub Team.

If you are interested in joining us for these two meetings, please fill out the google form and we will be in touch with you. On this form there is a place for you to ask us any questions etc. This google form will close on Friday 1st September, 2023 so if you are interested in being considered, please fill out the form before then.

Link to form: <https://forms.gle/xWw1g5fvxqzmzHrww7>

Ngā mihi nui,
Jo Grant
UHub Project Manager

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This is the link to the Sue Allman People Google form to order this year's school photos:

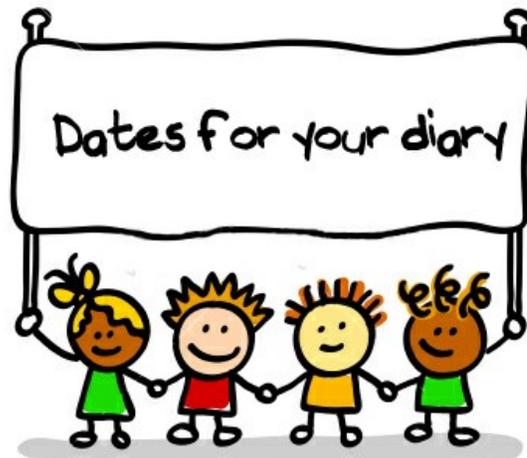
[Tawhai School Photo Order Form](#)

Tawhai School photos are being taken from Monday 18th to Thursday 21st September.

The closing date for orders is 1pm on Friday 15th September.

Please note that there will be a \$10 charge for late orders received after this date.

A timetable will follow which will notify you which classes are being photographed on what day.



Art splash Choir Concert - Monday 11 September

Tongan language week - Week 8

Te wiki o te reo Māori - Week 9

Celebration of Learning - The Arts! Week 9, Thursday 14 September

Superstar Dress up day - Friday 15 September

School Board Hui - Tuesday 19 September

School Photos - Week 10

Last day of term 3 - Friday 22 September

Term 4 starts - Monday 9 October

Year 5/6 school camp - Week 1

Teacher Only Day - Friday 20 October

Labour Day - Monday 23 October

Teacher Only Day - Friday 17 November

Ngā mihi nui

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